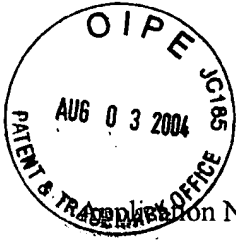


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the February 6, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before August 6, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), for a large entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference Number: 28069-504 UTIL, Customer No. **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Date: August 3, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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